

## **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A US DEPARTMENT OF PEACE**

**WHEREAS**, a United States Department of Peace would create a new cabinet post to research, propose and facilitate practical field-test solutions to proactively wage peaceful solutions to the problems of domestic and international conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, domestically it would support existing programs and develop new programs to address domestic violence, child and spousal abuse, mistreatment of the elderly, school bullying and violence, gang violence, racial or ethnic violence and violence against persons based upon sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, nonbinary and transgender women; and

**WHEREAS**, internationally, it would advise the president and Congress on the most innovative techniques and ideas for peace among nations. It would promote and protect human rights. It would work in coordination with existing government agencies and structures to prevent and de-escalate international conflict so that it does not erupt into armed conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Organization for Women (NOW) supported this legislation in 2005 and passed a resolution to reaffirm its support on April 12, 2012;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that NOW reaffirm its support for HR 1111 US Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Tool Kit (provided by the Peace Alliance) for Educational & Advocacy be made available for state and local NOW chapters, who choose to work on this issue, posted on the website.